

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
EAST AMWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 21, 2019; EAST AMWELL MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NJ**

**CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:34 PM by Secretary Sara Monus who read the following: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is an Ordinary Meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the December 20, 2018 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the agenda was posted on the municipal bulletin board and Township website.

**2019 ATTENDANCE** A = Absent; E = Excused (quorum = 5 members)

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<b>Recreation Committee Member (term expires)</b>	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
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<b>Alison Castellano Chairperson (12/31/21)</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Michael Atzert (12/31/21)</b>	X	7:4 2	X	E	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	
<b>Pete Fick (12/31/20)</b>	X	X	X	X	A	X	7:3 7	A	X	X	X	
<b>Erica Johanson (12/31/20)</b>	X*	E	X	E	X*	X*	X	X*	A	A	A	
<b>Thyra Zengel (proposed 12/31/19)</b>	X	X	A	X	E	A	7:4 2	A	X	X	A	
<b>Michele Doherty (12/31/20)</b>	A	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Shayna Hendrix</b>								X	X	X	A	
<b>Vacant (since 5/2019)</b>												
<b>Vacant (since 5/2018)</b>												
<b>Taytum Timmerman (youth member)</b>								X	X	A	A	
<b>Chris Sobieski (Township Committee)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	7:3 1	A	A	7:4 3	

*Others present:*

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: NONE**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES:** A motion was made by M. Atzert to approve the October minutes that was second by M. Doherty and carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF UPDATED RECREATION BUDGET:** We currently have the same 797.87 on the budget but there are expenses to be posted. The lights and christmas decorations will still be taken out of the budget. We spent about 100.00 on lights for the tree lighting. T. Zengel also spent some money in her summer playground budget. A. Castellano said R. Wolfe

will be talking to M. Pasaqua about rolling over the left over balance to next year which would give summer playground about an extra \$250.00.

#### **REPORTS:**

- A. Clawson Park** – A. Castellano got a call that the gate was broken at the tennis courts. They were advised to put in a ticket to have it fixed. We will hopefully have some information on tennis court replacement next meeting.
- B. Township Committee** – No update.
- C. FOSPC** – In the minutes from the FOSPC meeting they stated there is a master plan for the tennis courts and a grant was being applied for funding. Possibly Green Acres and county grants. It would be wonderful if it could all get approved and going for the spring.
- D. Senior Citizens** – No update but should we know what the seniors are doing with the 1000.00 that they are given from our budget. C. Sobieski going to inquire what the Seniors spend their budget on. We need to justify our expenses and feel we should know.

#### **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Clawson Park 501.C.3** - A. Castellano asked C. Sobieski to get more information. There are a lot of things we can fundraise for the park if 501.C.3 status is achieved. Water fountains are on the top of the list.
- B. Longwood Gardens** - We had to cancel because there were not enough people. The smaller bus drove up the price so it was not feasible to have. There were some questions about having the bus trip to New York City again. Refunds are being issued.
- C. Tree Lighting** - P. Fick had list of updates. R. Wolfe is set to be there. The DPW is handling the lights and star on the tree. P. Fick will confirm with the fire department and Santa Claus. Setup will be December 1 at noon. S. Monus will confirm with DPW about ornaments and having them leave a ladder for decorating. Program is done and will be printed with red and green paper. Highway Hotdogs will be coming with a table, hot chocolate and bread pudding. They are excited to get involved in the community. T. Zengel will get flyers out to school and P. Fick will put up around town. Committee will arrive at 5:00 pm on the day of the event. R. Wolfe has a prior engagement at his home so we want to keep on schedule. K.Ostrander, P.Miller will not be able to make it and T. Matthews will try and be there but has a family conflict, C. Sobieski will most likely try to make it. Let's make the countdown exciting this year!

#### **PRESENTATION OF INVOICES:** None

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Agricultural Committee would like to get more involved with the FAA and integrate into the East Amwell children. They would like to hold a family friendly movie night and find ways to educate more people about what they do. A. Castellano suggested that they have a movie night at the school since they are set up well to have a movie night. A. Castellano will go to their next meeting and discuss further and bring back any information to the next meeting.

## **NEW/ONGOING BUSINESS:**

- A. VIP and Website Articles/Content – Tree Lighting, basketball, Happy Holidays. We want your ideas! A. Castellano added a survey to see if we get any new ideas in the year to come. We are also looking for more volunteers and committee members. We will be adding information about leagues and such on the website so families can be linked to activities.
- B. 2020 Events/Budget– A. Castellano presented the committee with a basic budget to look forward to 2020. All expenses should be broken down by event. The dates on budget are not definite dates. There are some new events that were previously mentioned and also the events that are usually run. Bingo night, Old York Cellars, Mentalist, trivia night. Some budget numbers were raised for extra expenses. We can add more chocolate bunnies for the amount of children who come to the egg hunt. Also need to purchase signs for the yard sale to advertise. A motion was made by M. Doherty to potentially spend \$400.00 on yard sale signs which was seconded by M. Atzert. The budget for Friday Night in the Park was upped for entertainment. Possibly a trivia night in November. Tree lighting moving back to a Saturday next year. A general events supply line \$300.00 for paper goods and random things needed for events and a contingency for \$250 which puts the budget at 3000.00. A. Castellano will bring to R. Wolfe to ask for next year.

**ADJOURNMENT** - A motion was made by M. Atzert to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. that was second by M. Doherty and carried unanimously.

Sara Monus, Parks and Recreation Secretary

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